

Weekly update for w/c Monday 16 April 2018

PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED FLYER TO ADVERTISE THE 20 APRIL CONCERT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. TICKETS £2 AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT TOMORROW'S REHEARSAL.

Rehearsal reminders

Tomorrow night Tuesday 17 April is the compulsory final rehearsal for the Brahms/Mendelssohn concert this coming Friday 20 April. Please continue to work at home to ensure we give a highly polished performance at the concert - feel free to use the recordings, updated rehearsal notes and guidance that have been placed in the Members Area of the chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music.](#)

The rehearsal schedule is on Darius' website <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>; this link is a permanent feature on the [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) page of our own website.

Arrangements for the After Hours ballroom concert on 20 April 2018

Tickets are just £2 and will be available at tomorrow night's rehearsal, so please persuade family and friends, and come with the correct change if you can. Please share the attached flyer as widely as you can via email and/or social media.

The concert is short so we will be standing throughout, and John Spence will organise us prior to the tutti 'on-the-day' rehearsal which is from 6pm to 6.45pm. Please aim to arrive no later than 5.45pm if at all possible, to give sufficient time for John to organise us into singing places before the rehearsal so that Darius can start it promptly at 6pm. We are likely to file in from the adjacent dressing rooms but please listen to instructions on the day and be ready to respond to requests from John in your usual cheerful and flexible manner.

Please enter the City Hall via the Stage Door, which is down a set of steps towards the right hand side round the back. Dressing rooms will be in the North and South Halls adjacent to the ballroom, which is all the way down the stairs to the basement. It's quite a way - but there is a lift - ask at the stage door. Please feel free to arrive any time that afternoon, and you can also stay there until we sing, though it is hoped that chorus members will buy tickets (full price unfortunately) for the concert in the main hall at 7pm.

Please sign up when you arrive using your chorus bar-code card in the usual way; the machine will be set up in the corridor next to the dressing rooms. Though in the ballroom and rather less formal than on the main stage, we will still use black folders and be in full formal concert dress, which you will find on the chorus website at [Members Area / Concert arrangements / Stage Procedure and Dress Code.](#)

Thanks to Janet Hoyle, Sally Turnbull, Jim Monach and Anne Adams, who have volunteered to sell tickets in the foyer before and after the main concert and at the interval.

Chorus members are able to get a car parking voucher from the City Hall Box Office, enabling them to pay just £3.50 for the full day in the Q Park on Rockingham Street. Park your car, go to the box office and get the voucher, which you'll need when you pay. Please note the voucher is only valid at the Rockingham Street car park.

This information is listed on the chorus website at [Members Area / Concert Arrangements](#)

Mahler 2 - arrangements so far

SPC ladies have been asked not to wear scarves for this concert; LPC ladies will be in black rather than their usual red tops and the orchestra want us all to look the same.

Edinburgh Sunday 29 April: Choir rehearsal 12.00 - 12.30 (but we are trying to get the orchestra to change this to 12.30 - 13.00), tutti rehearsal 13.30 to 14.30, performance 15.00. The promoters have booked the coaches but we are still negotiating the rehearsal and pick-up times in an attempt to avoid an eye-wateringly early start for the coach to Edinburgh from Sheffield on Sunday morning. We will share the departure times as soon as they have been finalised. The coach will depart from The Penny Black on Pond Hill; unfortunately there won't be time for any other pick-up points. The coach back to Sheffield will depart from the Usher Hall Edinburgh around 18.00. A

single coach will return to Leeds/Sheffield on Monday 30 April, leaving from the Usher Hall Edinburgh at 11.00. A reminder that city council car parking is £1 for the day on a Sunday; investigate car parking further at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/parking/car-parks.html> or <https://www.justpark.com/uk/parking/sheffield-city-centre/>.

Middlesbrough Tuesday 1 May: Tutti rehearsal 18.00 to 19.00, performance 19.30. Coach details yet to be finalised.

Sheffield Saturday 5 May: Tutti rehearsal 17.00 to 17.45, performance at 19.00.

Tickets sales for the Sheffield concert = 561.

Request for support

Mike Reynolds asks for your support for a Sheffield-based People's Projects, part of the Big Lottery. City of Sanctuary Sheffield is one of five projects in the Calendar South area which people can vote on to support. The winners - 3 out of the 5 - will each get around £50,000 which would go a long way to keeping The Sanctuary on Chapel Walk open for a further 12 months. People can vote from 9 a.m. on Monday 16 April until noon on Monday 30th April. The winners will be announced in early May. Voting can be online - the easiest - or by post. Mike will have voting postcards, and flyers about the project and the voting etc, at tomorrow's rehearsal. Many thanks.

Bochum visits - information now in Diary Dates on the chorus website

Apologies and Half-Time Leavers

Please note that apologies for absence should be sent to our Membership Officer John Spence; contact details at the bottom of each update. If you leave a rehearsal at half-time for whatever reason you should make a note of the fact on the Apologies Sheet on the registration desk.

Chorus website

Information about concert arrangements, future dates, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, re-auditions, where to get rehearsal tracks etc. can be found on the chorus website, in the Member's Area in particular. The website is available at <http://sheffieldphil.org> or via a Google search. If taken to an error page it is likely that your computer or laptop has stored the old website in its memory (cache) and you should clear it by pressing REFRESH, or F5 on your PC keyboard. Alternatively it may be that your router needs re-setting; try turning it off for 10 minutes before switching it on again. If none of this works please contact Anne Adams in the first instance, and she will inform the webmasters Matthew Morgan and Bill Best. The chorus user name is member and the password is dariu5; these are for chorus members only so please don't share them.

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